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Raised Bill No. 287

LCO No. 2120



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SHARED TABLE INITIATIVE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2020*) (a) For the purposes of this
2 section, "shared table" means a designated location in a school cafeteria
3 where students and employees of the school may leave and take
4 unconsumed food and beverage items for later consumption.

5 (b) Not later than January 1, 2021, the Department of Education shall,
6 in consultation with the Department of Public Health, develop
7 guidelines concerning the implementation of a shared table program at
8 schools. Such guidelines shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) the
9 types of food and beverage items that may be left at a shared table, (2)
10 best practices for food and beverage management and safety with
11 respect to the items left at a shared table, and (3) processes for the
12 donation and disposal of any unclaimed food. Such guidelines shall be
13 consistent with the rules and regulations of the Department of Public
14 Health, the United States Food and Drug Administration and the United
15 States Department of Agriculture.

16 (c) For the school year commencing July 1, 2021, and each school year
17 thereafter, any school under the jurisdiction of a local or regional board
18 of education may implement a shared table program at such school in
19 accordance with the guidelines developed pursuant to subsection (b) of
20 this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, to develop guidelines for the implementation of shared tables at public schools, and to authorize public schools to implement shared tables.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]